

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 01 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 02 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 31 Dec 2020 at 17:09 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high, but moderate for wind strength on Sunday.

Headline for Friday 01 Jan 2021: Sunny spells and snow showers, mainly near the northwest coast. Cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 01 Jan 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	30%	30%	20%	10%	10%	20%	30%

Forecast for Friday 01 Jan 2021

Weather: Some sunny spells, the best of these towards the west coast south of Skye. Cloudier further north with occasional snow showers, these mostly near the west coast. Sunny spells improving in the afternoon. Further snow showers in the north through the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%, cloud mostly above the summits, but lowering to around 500m near passing showers, mainly to the north of Skye.

Visibility: Excellent outside of passing showers or areas of low cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	33/37 N	28/34 N	27/33 N	25/29 N	21/26 N	17/21 NW	19/22 NW	16/20 NW	15/19 NW
900	30/34 N	26/31 N	25/31 N	22/27 N	20/24 N	15/19 NW	16/20 NW	14/17 NW	13/17 NW
600	18/24 N	15/22 N	13/20 N	13/18 N	11/15 N	10/14 N	9/13 NW	9/13 NW	7/11 NW
300	4/25 N	5/23 N	6/23 N	4/21 N	4/18 N	3/14 NW	4/15 NW	3/14 N	3/13 N
Glen	7/20 N	8/21 N	12/25 N	8/19 N	6/14 N	6/15 N	7/15 N	6/14 N	5/12 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-12	-5/-13	-5/-12	-5/-12
900	-2/-10	-2/-10	-3/-11	-3/-11	-3/-11	-4/-10	-4/-11	-4/-11	-5/-11
600	0/-6	-0/-6	-0/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6	-2/-7	-2/-7	-3/-7
300	2/0	1/-1	1/-2	1/-2	1/-1	0/-2	-1/-3	-1/-3	-1/-3
Glen	4/1	4/0	4/-1	3/0	3/1	3/1	2/-1	2/-1	1/-1
Freezing Level*	600m	500m	500m	400m	400m	300m	200m	200m	200m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Icy conditions likely on paths, especially later in the day as the freezing level drops.

Forecast for Saturday 02 Jan 2021

Weather: Scattered mainly light snow showers across the far north and the northwest coast in the morning, some sunny spells towards the Great Glen. Becoming mostly dry by the afternoon, and increasingly sunny. Dry with clear spells overnight.

Maximum wind: North-northwest veering north-northeast 15-20 gusting 25 mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60-80% with chances improving in the afternoon. Broken cloud above 500m, mainly affecting the west coast and far north, mostly dispersing through the afternoon.

Visibility: Very good or excellent outside of any low cloud or snow showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: 200m.